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IMAGE PREDICTIVE CODING METHOD  
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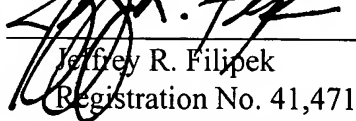
Applicants in the above-entitled application hereby claim the date of priority under the International Convention of Japanese Patent Application No. P8-132970, filed May 28, 1996, Japanese Patent Application No. P8-176426, filed July 5, 1996, and Japanese Patent Application No. P8-254677, filed September 26, 1996 as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

Certified copies of said Japanese Patent Applications are of record in parent application Serial No. 08/983,640, filed January 28, 1998, which has matured into Patent No. 6,148,109.

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